

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support this motion introduced by Councilmember Tim McOsker. Illegal fireworks are not simply a nuisance. They create serious public safety risks, contribute to fires and property damage, strain law enforcement and emergency resources, and impose significant costs on our communities. For too long, enforcement has focused primarily on the individuals possessing or using illegal fireworks after they have already reached our neighborhoods. We also need to examine the supply chain that allows these products to enter our communities in the first place. The City should have every appropriate legal tool available to identify manufacturers, importers, distributors, wholesalers, retailers, commercial purchasers, and others who knowingly or negligently contribute to the illegal distribution of fireworks. I especially support exploring ways to trace the supply chain, recover documented public costs, and coordinate with other jurisdictions. Illegal fireworks do not stop at city boundaries, and neither should our efforts to address them. Please support this motion and continue pursuing meaningful solutions that protect our neighborhoods, first responders, public infrastructure, and taxpayers. David Matthews Harbor Gateway Resident